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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENTS MADE IN PLENARY WCIWY SESSION FRIDAY MORNING JUNE 20. MOST NOTABLE IS EVENLY-BALANCED DIVISION OF OPINION ON CENTRAL THEME DEVELOPING IN CONFERENCE, I.E. WHETHER EFFORTS TO GAIN EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN MUST AWAIT ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

2. 'PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE OF SRI LANKA' SAID THE STATUS OF WOMEN MUST NOT WAIT FOR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT. SHE STRESSED THE NEED FOR GREATER ATTENTION AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, FAMILY PLANNING AS A PART OF HEALTH SERVICES, LAND REFORM, THE QUALITY OF LIFE. SHE STATED THAT RADICAL NEEDS
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REQUIRE RADICAL CURES BUT THE MEANS SHOULD NOT DEFEAT THE ENDS.

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3. 'IRAN (PRINCESS ASHRAF)' STATED THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE REMAINED INDIFFERENT TO AN HISTORIC AND HARMFUL SITUATION WITH PERMANENT AND DEEPLY ROOTED PREJUDICES. STRUCTURES MUST BE SET UP CONSISTENT WITH EACH SOCIETY AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN WITHIN IT BUT NOT IN ISOLATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT ESCAP IS CREATING A REGIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER FOR GATHERING AND DISTRIBUTING DATA ON POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN, TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE UN AND IN COOPERATION WITH MEMBER STATES. PRINCESS ASHRAF CONCLUDED THAT TIME OF DECLARATIONS IS PAST, AND THE SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY CONCERTED ACTION.

4. 'PHILIPPINES (MRS. MARCOS)' STATED THAT WOMEN CAN NOW TAKE THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY FOR GRANTED AND THAT NOW THE MANNER OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION IS MOST IMPORTANT. ACCORDING TO MRS. MARCOS, THE DEMAND FOR EQUALITY HAS TOO OFTEN HAD OVERTONES OF REVENGE; WOMEN ARE NOT ENEMIES OF MEN, BUT THEIR EQUAL PARTNERS...WITH THEIR OWN ROLE TO PLAY.

5. 'THE UNITED KINGDOM (DR. SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL)' STRESSED THE STRONG TIDE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS, THE STANDARDS WHICH THE UN HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND THE PROPOSED CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. THE UK IN PRINCIPLE IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, THROUGH THE UN, 200,000 POUNDS A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS, TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY TO HELP RURAL WOMEN IN THE POREST COUNTRIES. DEVELOPMENT IS A CONCERN TO THE WHOLE WORLD, TO DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE, BUT IT IS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO MUST SHOW US THE WAY. ALTHOUGH WE MAY DIFFER ON THE WAYS IN WHICH A NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN BE ACHIEVED, ALL AGREE ON THE NEED FOR GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE. DR. SUMMERSKILL NOTED THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT WOMEN HAVE NOT ALWAYS BENEFITED FROM CHANGES INTRODUCED IN THE NAME OF DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THEIR POSITION IN RELATION TO MEN HAS SOMETIMES DETERIORATED.

6. 'MRS. SADAT SPOKE FOR EGYPT,' STATING THAT ISLAM HAS BEEN
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ONE OF THE MOST LIBERAL SYSTEMS WITH RESPECT TO WOMEN AND THAT ONLY UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION DID ALIEN ATTITUDES CREEP INTO ISLAMIC SOCIETY. OVERPOPULATION HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS STRAIN ON INSTITUTIONS. SHE WARNED THAT WORLD PEACE CAN NEVER BECOME A REALITY AS LONG AS ISRAEL OCCUPIES ARAB LANDS, WHILE PALESTINIANS REMAIN HOMELESS AND WHILE THE VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID STILL EXIST IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

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7. IN A THOUGHTFUL ADDRESS, AUSTRALIA (MS. ELIZABETH REID)
STATED THE TASK OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTAL
ISSUES AND STRATEGIES WHICH WILL PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSALLY KNOWN GOALS. THE INFERIOR
POSITION OF WOMEN ARISES FROM SEXISM. IN DISCUSSION OF
NIEO AND CERDS LITTLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE ROLE
WOMEN ARE TO PLAY IN FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING THIS
DEMAND NOR TO THE FACT THAT WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN MUST
BENEFIT FROM THIS REVOLUTION. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
FOR WOMEN MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH OVERALL ECONOMIC PROGRESS.
TRANSFERRING WESTERN ECONOMIC GROWTH MODELS TO OTHER COUNTRIES
NO LONGER SEEMS DESIRABLE. ITS HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE LIVES
OF WOMEN ARE ONLY NOW BEING RECOGNIZED. DOCUMENTS FROM
AFRICAN, ASIAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCES ALL
STRESS THAT WITH CAPITAL INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT
AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT HIT WOMEN HARDEST. A NEW WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER MUST LEAD TO NEW AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE
CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT BASED UPON AN INTERRELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS. HOWEVER, IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN CANNOT AND MUST NOT AWAIT THE OUTCOME
OF DELIBERATIONS ON NIEO. WOMEN WANT ACTION NOW. IT CAN BE
ACHIEVED WITHIN PRESENT RESOURCE LIMITATIONS AND BOUNDARIES
BY RESETTING PRIORITIES AND AREALIZATION OF THE IMPORANCE
OF WOMEN IN THEMSELVES AS WELL AS TO DEVELOPMENT.

8. PERU (CARMELA OVIEDO DE SARMIENTO) STRESSED THAT THE NIEO
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVING EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN,
NOT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. ADVANCEMENT IN THE STATUS OF
WOMEN CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE AS PART OF GLOBAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES,
I.E., NIEO, CERDS.

9. 'JAMAICA (MRS. BEVERLY MANLEY)' REFERRED TO ECHEVERRIA'S
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GREAT VISION FOR NEW WORLD ORDER AND FOR STRATEGIES HE SETS
FORTH. CAPITALISM CONDEMNED FULL CLASSES TO EXPLOITATION.
SHE PRAISED NIEO AND CERDS AND STATED THAT STRUGGLE OF
WOMEN CANNOT BE SEEN APART. THE FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS
OF THE SOCIETY ITSELF MUST BE ALTERED. SHE STRESSED OWNER-
SHIP BY ALL WHO WORK, A COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM,
AND ENJOYMENT OF FULL RIGHTS BY ALL WOMEN. NECESSITIES OF
THE NIEO MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND SPEEDILY IMPLENTED.

10. 'DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA' DISCUSSED SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY, AND DESCRIBED IN GLOWING TERMS
THE IMPROVEMENTS OF WOMEN DEVELOPED UNDER LEADER KIM II SING.

11. 'DR. KATHARINA FOCKE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY'
PLEADED WITH THE DELEGATES TO PROVE THAT IN SPITE OF

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CONFLICTING VIEWS THAT MAY DIVIDE THEM THE COULD UNITE
AND INITIATE MEASURES FOR ACTION.
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